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SUBJ: ME: RESUMPTION OF KM 101 TALKS

REF: USUN 5260

1. ASYG URQUHART CALLED AMB SCHAUFLE EVENING DEC 2
TO REPORT ON SIILASVUO'S CONVERSATIONS IN JERUSALEM
AND CAIRO SAME DAY.

2. DAYAN TOLD SIILASVUO THAT YARIV WOULD CERTAINLY BE
ABLE TO RESUME MEETINGS WITH GAMASY. DAYAN SUGGESTED THAT
GAMASY CAN PROPOSE STEPS FOR DISENGAGEMENT AND SEPARATION
OF FORCES FOLLOWING WHICH YARIV WOULD REPORT TO HIS GOVERN-
MENT. DAYAN DID NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY OF ISRAELI WITH-
DRAWAL FROM WEST BANK AND SUBSEQUENT DISENGAGE-
MENT. HOWEVER HE SAID THAT DISCUSSION OF RETURN TO
OCT 22 LINES WAS OUT OF QUESTION. ADDED THAT ISRAELIS
ARE NOT PREPARED TO TALK ABOUT ISSUES LIKE OPENING
OF CANAL WHICH SHOULD PROPERLY BE LEFT FOR PEACE
CONFERENCE.

3. SIILASVUO THEN FLEW BACK TO CAIRO WHERE HE SAW
MINISTER OF WAR ISMAEL AND GAVE HIM A FACTUAL ACCOUNT OF
HIS TALK WITH DAYAN. SIILASVUO EXPLAINED THAT UN ATTACHED
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GREAT IMPORTANCE TO RESUMPTION OF TALKS. SIILASVUO

SAID THAT HE DID NOT ATTEMPT TO PREJUDGE ISRAELI INTENTIONS. ACCORDING TO SIILASVUO HIS MEETING WITH ISMAEL WAS A GOOD ONE AND CLOSED WITH A SIILASVUO APPEAL THAT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE TALKS BE RESUMED. ISMAEL SAID THAT GOE WOULD GIVE SERIOUS ATTENTION TO THE APPEAL.

4. UN HEADQUARTERS BELIEVES THERE IS SOME REASON FOR OPTIMISM BUT DID NOT EXPECT TALKS TO RESUME BEFORE DEC 4, IF THEN.

5. URQUHART REMARKED ON SERIOUS BREACH OF CEASEFIRE WHICH OCCURRED ON SYRIAN FRONT DEC 2. SAID THERE WAS SIGNIFICANT EXCHANGE OF ARTILLERY AND TANK FIRE. HE WAS, HOWEVER, ENCOURAGED BY FACT THAT UNTSO HAD CALLED FOR CEASEFIRE EFFECTIVE AT 12:00 AND ACTUALLY GOT IT AT 10:30.

6. URQUHART ALSO REMARKED THAT ISRAELI EARTHEN CAUSEWAY ACROSS CANAL HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND IS IN USE.
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